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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Parental Notification Prior to Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

SACRAMENTO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponents of a new initiative have received clearance to begin collecting petition signatures for their measure.

The Attorney General's official title and summary is as follows:

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO TERMINATION OF MINOR'S PREGNACY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Amends Constitution to provide that, except for medical emergency or when waiver of notification has been obtained pursuant to state law, no abortion shall be performed upon an unemancipated minor until the physician notifies minor's parent or legal guardian. Statute provides definitions and authorizes monetary penalty and damages for violation. Statute permits minor to confidentially petition juvenile court for notification waiver based upon clear and convincing evidence of sufficient maturity, physical or sexual abuse by parent or guardian, or that notification is not in minor's best interests.

The proponents, Rosemarie Avila and Mary Vogelzang, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters for their measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is April 12, 2004. The proponent can be reached at 916/442-7757.

For a copy of the complete text, title & summary, and circulation calendar, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at (916) 653-6575.

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